

T. H. WARD, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS,
TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT
IN THE CASE OF T. H. WARD, ADMINISTRATOR, AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 29, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 27, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

HON. DAVID B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

[Court of Claims. Congressional No. 1864. Estate of William L. Ward, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that William L. Ward, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 2, 1901.

[Court of Claims. (Congressional Case No. 1864.) T. H. Ward, administrator of William L. Ward, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 4th day of March, 1887.

On a preliminary inquiry of the court, on the 2d day of December, 1901, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 14th day of January, 1902. G. W. Z. Black, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by W. W. Scott, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Randolph County, State of West Virginia, where his decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the military forces of the United States, by proper authority, took from his decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$8,220, and appropriated the same for the use of the Army, as follows:

Taken in the fall of 1861 by General Reynolds's command:	
280 cords of wood	\$980.00
200 cords of green wood	200.00
Taken in the fall of 1863 by Colonel Harris's command:	
30 tons of hay	600.00
600 bushels of shelled corn	600.00
11 horses	1,650.00
Furnished Capt. J. H. Robinson's First Ohio Regiment in fall of 1861:	
28 days' pasturage of 100 horses, at 10 cents	280.00
Taken by General Reynolds's command in fall of 1861:	
77 head of cattle, at \$50	3,850.00
400 pounds of bacon, at 15 cents	60.00
Total	8,220.00

The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT.

There were taken from the claimant's decedent, in Randolph County, State of West Virginia, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, stores and supplies of the kind and character above described, which were then and there reasonably worth the sum of two thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$2,870).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed January 20, 1902.

A true copy.

Teste this 25th day of January, 1902:

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

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